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Foreign Missions—	Rev. J. A. Bright,	Rev. M. F. Troxell.
Ordination—	Rev. G. A. Bowers, D. D.	Rev. A. J. Kissell.

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Rev. M. Stolpe.	Rev. W. C. Seidel.

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

SYNOD OF KANSAS AND ADJACENT STATES.

EUREKA, KANSAS, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1883.

The sixteenth annual convention of this Synod met in the new Lutheran church of Eureka.

The annual sermon of the President was delivered with unusual power on Wednesday evening, based on the text: "The Word of God standeth sure."

FIRST SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 11 A. M.

After one-half hour devotional exercises conducted by Rev. A. J. Kissell, Synod opened with reading of scripture and prayer by the retiring President, Rev. S. S. Waltz.

The roll was called and absentees noted. Certificates of Lay Delegates were received, and their names duly entered on the roll.

On motion, Revs. M. F. Troxell, from the Maryland Synod, and J. S. Maurer, from the Allegheny Synod, were received and enrolled.

Clerical Roll.

No.	Names.	Post Office.	Date of Licensure.
1.	Rev. Reuben R. Weiser, D. D. (*a*)	Denver, Col	1832
2.	Rev. Charles Martin, M. D	St. Joseph, Mo	1835
3.	Rev. A. A. Trimper (*a*)	Lawrence, Kan	1841
4.	Rev. D. S. Altman	Ottawa, Kan	1845
5.	Rev. C. Young (*a*)	Salina, Kan	1846
6.	Rev. Jacob Schauer	Greenleaf, Kan	1848
7.	Rev. D. Harbaugh (*a*)	Waterville, Kan.	1849
8.	Rev. L. C. Groseclose	Eureka, Kan	1849
9.	Rev. W. I. Cutter (*a*)	Atchison, Kan.	1850
10.	Rev. F. R. Scherer (*a*)	Waterville, Kan.	1850
11.	Rev. J. B. McAfee	Topeka, Kansas.	1854
12.	Rev. G. A. Bowers, D. D.	Abilene, Kan.	1854
13.	Rev. A. B. Kirtland	New Cambria	1855
14.	Rev. S. P. Harrington (*a*)	Abilene, Kan.	1857
15.	Rev. J. B. Corbett (*a*)	Bunker Hill, Kan.	1857
16.	Rev. H. Acker	Newton, Kan.	1858
17.	Rev. Henry Heigard (*a*)	Barnes, Kan	1858
18.	Rev. R. B. Whitehill (*a*)	Peabody, Kan	1862
19.	Rev. A. J. Hesson (*a*)	Peabody, Kan	1867
20.	Rev. A. J. Hartsock (*a*).		
21.	Rev. T. F. Dornblaser	Topeka, Kan	1871
22.	Rev. W. C. Seidel	Minneapolis, Kan	1872
23.	Rev. A. J. Kisseli	Salina, Kan.	1873
24.	Rev. S. S. Waltz	Kansas City, Mo.	1873
25.	Rev. H. F. Long (*a*).		1873
26.	Rev. J. A. Bright	Ellsworth, Kan.	1873
27.	Rev D. Scholl	Wellsville, Kan.	1873
28.	Rev. Angus Lowe	Waterville, Kan	1876
29.	Rev. Geo. Sanderson (*a*)	Kansas City, Mo.	1876
30.	Rev. M. Stolpe	Marquette, Kan.	1880
31.	Rev. H. Sharp.	Hays City, Kan.	1879
32.	Rev. Robt. A. White	Selinsgrove, Pa.	1880
33.	Rev. B. F. Grenoble	Chapman, Kan	1880
34.	Rev. R. F. Hassinger.	Halstead, Kan.	
35.	Rev. M. F. Troxell.	Eureka, Kan.	1882
36.	Rev. J. E. Maurer	Lawrence, Kan	1882
37.	Rev. E. J. Keplinger.	Valley Falls, Kan	1867

Lay Delegates.

1. Dr. J. E. Herbst, Abilene, Kansas.
2. Mr. J. M. Seidle, Eureka, Kansas.
3. Mr. T. M. Fair, Hardy, Nebraska.
4. Mr. Charles Ladwig, E. Norway, Kansas.
5. Mr. A. L. Selig, Lawrence, Kansas.
6. Mr. J. K. Sherwood, Peabody, Kansas.
7. Mr. A. Hanstine, Holden, Kansas.
8. Mr. P. Weidlein, Topeka, Kansas.

President's Report was heard, and, on motion, laid on the table.

President's Report.

Beloved Brethren of Kansas Synod: With devout gratitude to Almighty God, whose guardian providence has been about us in all the dangers and trials of the past year, and whose helping hand has been ever with us in our toils, I greet you on this the assembling of our sixteenth annual convention.

Whilst rejoicing in the prosperity which has blessed our churches, and in the temporal harvest which has crowned the labor of our hands, we are called to mingle our sorrows and our sympathies with those of our brethren on whom has rested heavily the hand of affliction.

The pastor in whose church we meet to-day, with a deeply sympathizing people, mourn in deepest grief the death of her who was the light of the pastor's home, and his best earthly helper. Under the shadow of such a cloud the sunshine fades in darkness from the hearthstone of home, the right arm is paralyzed, and naught remains save the divine light of Almighty grace, and the help of the Omnipotent arm. We trust that our brother, with all who are troubled, may look up to behold the light of God and lean without reserve upon the All-sufficient Arm.

Coming from the fields of our toil and triumph, care and joy, may our meeting together be a mutual inspiration from which we shall go out to better and more enduring service for the Master.

I herewith submit for your consideration a brief summary of our synodical work in the past year, with the official acts performed by me.

NEW CHURCHES.

Six have been built, at the following places: Hardy, Neb., in charge of Rev. Angus Lowe, dedicated in May; Greenleaf, Kansas, in charge of Rev. J. Schauer, dedicated in September; East Norway, in charge of Rev. C. Martin, dedicated in August; Hiawatha in charge of Rev. B. F. Grenoble, dedicated in April; Vineland, in charge of Rev. D. Scholl, ready for dedication; Marquette, in charge of Rev. M. Stolpe, ready for dedication. A new church is also being built in charge of Rev. A. B. Kirtland.

NEW CONGREGATIONS

Are as follows: Morrill, in Brown county, organized under hopeful auspices, is seeking a pastor. East Norway congregation, in charge of Rev. C. Martin, M. D., will apply for admission to our Synod at this meeting.

CALLS ACCEPTED AND INSTALLATIONS.

In November Rev. A. J. Hesson took charge at Peabody, presenting his letter of dismission from West Pennsylvania Synod.

In October, Rev. G. A. Bowers, D. D., having been duly received from Pittsburgh Synod, was installed at Abilene.

In November, Rev. Henry Sharpe took charge at Hays City. His letter of dismissal from Hartwick Synod is in my hands.

In November, Rev. A. J. Kissell took charge at Salina.

In August, 1883, Rev. J. E. Maurer, a licentiate of Allegheny Synod, presented his credentials and took charge at Lawrence. He has been duly installed, and will apply for ordination at this meeting of Synod.

In September, Rev. Angus Lowe took charge at Waterville.

During part of the year, New Cambria was supplied by Rev. S. P. Harrington. He has recently closed his work there.

Rev. M. F. Troxell, pastor at Eureka, was ordained at the recent meeting of Maryland Synod. His letter of dismission from that body was put in my hands, asking membership in this body.

RESIGNATIONS, DISMISSALS AND VACANCIES,

Perhaps fewer in number than for many years, are as follows:

In April, Rev. H. F. Long resigned at Bunker Hill. The church is yet vacant.

In August, Rev. Angus Lowe resigned at Hardy, Nebraska. Rev. M. L. Wilhelm now serves that congregation, in connection with Red Cloud, Nebraska.

In April, Rev. B. F. Grenoble resigned the Ebenezer charge, which is yet without a pastor.

In June, I granted a letter of dismission to Rev. A. Essick, to the Synod of West Pennsylvania.

In March, Rev. D. Y. Harbaugh resigned Pleasant Hill charge, in order to form a new pastorate in connection with Waterville and Barnes.

The growth and present condition of almost all our organized churches is encouraging.

While rejoicing in the prosperity of these churches, let us not forget another fact, and let it be a warning call to immediate action to remedy the defect, viz: that while our Synodical territory is perhaps the largest of any in the General Synod, and being rapidly populated, we are doing but little in organizing new churches. The field is fertile for our church's development, since so large a proportion of its population are Lutheran by birth.

That we are not in any adequate degree keeping pace with the material development of our territory by planting churches and cultivating the field providentially ours, is a sad fact which must be apparent to all.

The eye of the Church at large is fixed anxiously upon Kansas Synod. Much is rightfully expected. The Boards of the Church are ready to co-operate with any wise advance movement.

The all-important question for deliberation, prayer and action before this Synodical Convention is, What can be done to promptly and effectively move forward and occupy the places where duty to God and loyalty to our Church calls.

In regard to the propriety and the duty of occupying Emporia, Wichita, Wyandotte, and several other cities, there can be no question. Immediate action is the imperative demand of the situation.

We are about to enter upon a wonderful anniversary era in our beloved Zion. Four hundred years of history—the most eventful and glorious since apostolic days—gather as a bright halo round the name of Martin Luther. As is eminently fit, this Synod will doubtless hold appropriate memorial services during its present session, commemorative of the birth and mission of the great Reformer and founder of our Church.

If the heroic spirit of Luther, and the grand results of his life, become an inspiration of loyalty to duty in planting the Church in the present age, then indeed, and only then, do we do honor to his memory.

For three successive years, the full limit of time permitted by your Constitution, you have called me to preside over this Synod. The uniform and kindly courtesy shown me by every member, and the co-operation always so cheerfully granted me, has made the task, though difficult, full of pleasure, and one which will linger with me as a delightful memory of Christian brotherhood.

Thanking you for your confidence and kindness, and invoking upon the deliberations of this convention the blessing of Almighty God, I am,

Fraternally yours, S. S. WALTZ.

Election of Officers.

Revs. W. C. Seidel and B. F. Grenoble were appointed tellers, and reported as follows:

President—Rev. A. J. Kissell.

Secretary—Rev. Angus Lowe.

Treasurer—Dr. J. E. Tressler.

American Bible Society.

On motion, time was set apart during the afternoon session for hearing Rev. J. J. Thompson, agent of the American Bible Society.

Rev. C. Baird, of the Iowa Synod, and Rev. Paul Hendrickson, of the Danish Nor. Ev. Lutheran Conference, were on motion of Dr. C. Martin received as advisory members of this Synod.

Minutes of last meeting of Synod were on motion referred to committee.

The times of meeting and adjournment were on motion fixed as follows:

Devotional exercises, 8.30 a. m.

Business, 9 a. m.

Adjournment, 11.45 a. m.

Business, 2 p. m.

Adjournment, 5 p. m.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. Dr. Martin.

SECOND SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, 2 P. M., OCT. 24, 1883.

Synod opened with prayer by Rev. D. Scholl.

Rev. J. J. Thompson, Agent of the American Bible Society, was invited to present his cause, and was heard with close attention and appreciation. The subject was referred to the Committee on Resolutions, by whom the following was offered, and, on motion, adopted:

Resolved, That we have read with pleasure the report of Rev. J. J. Thompson, and that we earnestly commend him and the great and good work in which he is engaged, to the hearty co-operation of our pastors and people.

J. B. McAFEE.
J. E. HERBST.

Committees Appointed.

No. 1. *President's Report*—Dr. Martin, Revs. Schauer and Stolpe.

No. 2. *Treasurer's Report*—Dr. Herbst, Mr. J. M. Seidle and Mr. C. Ladwig.

No. 3. *Admission of Churches*—Revs. Schauer, Maurer and Groseclose.

No. 4. *Correspondence*—Dr. Bowers, Rev. Scholl and Mr. J. K. Sherwood.

No. 5. *Apportionment*—Revs. Grenoble and Seidel, and A. L. Selig.

No. 6. *Leave of Absence*—Revs. Bright, Acker, and Mr. J. M. Seidle.

No. 7. *Parochial Report*—Revs. Seidel, Maurer, and Mr. T. M. Fair.

No. 8. *Devotional Exercises*—Revs. Troxell, Kissell and Groseclose.

No. 9. *Resolutions*—Revs. McAfee, Hesson, and Dr. J. E. Herbst.

No. 10. *Literature*—Revs. Waltz, Martin, and Mr. J. K. Sherwood.

No. 11. *Vacant Churches*—Revs. Dornblaser, Scholl and Mr. T. M. Fair.

No. 12. *Minutes of Last Meeting*—Revs. Scholl, Kirtland and Altman.

No. 13. *Synodical Calendar*—Rev. McAfee, Dr. Herbst, and Dr. Tressler.

Parochial reports were heard in proper order. It was gratifying to hear that in almost all the pastorates there was an excess of money raised above the amount apportioned.

May we not hope that this is the forerunner of a great spiritual harvest? "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house; and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Mal. iii. 10.

Rev. F. R. Scherer committed to the hands of Synod $5.00.

On motion, it was divided equally between Synodical Treasury, Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Church Extension, and Education.

Rev. Paul Hendrickson, being called away by sickness, offered very fraternal and timely words to Synod.

Treasurer's Report.

Treasurer's report was heard and referred to Committee No. 2.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. Dr. Bowers.

THIRD SESSION.

THURSDAY, 9 A. M., OCT. 25, 1883.

Synod convened after one-half hour's devotional exercises, and was opened with prayer by Rev. S. S. Waltz.

Roll called and absentees noted.

Minutes of last session read and approved.

Report of Delegates to General Synod.

DEAR BRETHREN: Your delegates to the General Synod held at Springfield, Ohio, from May 16th to May 22d, 1883, present the following report:

The delegates, clerical and lay, from the Synod of Kansas, were all present. The action of the General Synod was very harmonious. The Synod unanimously favored more aggressive work, and resolved to raise $30,000 for Home Mission work, $30,000 for Foreign Missions, and $20,000 for Church Extension annually. This Synod will be expected to raise our proportion of this

amount, and we wish especially to impress upon each member of Synod the importance of fully meeting the amount apportioned to us. This item, after earnest and encouraging speeches from clerical and lay, was adopted by a rising vote.

The General Synod by resolution appointed the first Sunday after Epiphany as Children's Day, at which time the pastors devote themselves to awakening a deeper interest among the parents respecting the Sunday-school work, and also address the children on the important work of the Church. Your committee recommend that this Synod comply with the above recommendation.

The following resolution was passed by the General Synod, which we not only heartily approve, but earnestly recommend that appropriate action be taken by this Synod to bring it before our churches and people.

Resolved, That this Synod urge upon pastors and superintendents of Sunday-schools throughout the Church the use of our publications as the very best and the most suitable for Lutheran Sunday-schools.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. J. B. McAFEE,
REV. J. SCHAUER,
REV. J. A. BRIGHT,
REV. A. J. KISSELL,
J. E. TRESSLER, M. D.

Report adopted as a whole.

On motion, Rev. H. J. Coker, of the M. E. Church of Eureka, Kans., was invited to sit as corresponding member.

State of Religion.

Rev. W. C. Seidel offered the following:

In order that we may awaken a deeper interest in the spirituality of our congregations, and that the historian may be aided in his work,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed at each meeting of Synod on the State of Religion; whose duty it shall be to receive brief reports from each pastor on the state of religion in his pastorate, and who shall prepare a synopsis of these statements to be reported to Synod.

Resolved, That each pastor is hereby required to prepare such a statement for the use of the committee, to be handed in at the first session of Synod.

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to have blanks printed for that purpose, and, with the parochial blanks, forward to each member of Synod a copy of these blanks.

Adopted.

On motion of Rev. T. F. Dornblaser, the hour of 2 p. m. was set apart for the discussion of the subject of Home Missions.

On motion of Rev. M. F. Troxell, Friday afternoon was set apart for the annual meeting of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

Orphans' Home.

Dr. J. E. Tressler offered the following, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, The General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States has established an Orphans' Home at Loysville, Pa., and solicits assistance from all the Synods in connection with it;

AND WHEREAS, The care of the fatherless, especially those of our own household of faith, is one of the essential elements of that religion which our Saviour taught, and which we profess before God and the world; therefore,

Resolved, That we as a Synod rejoice in the successful establishment of said Orphans' Home, and will gladly co-operate with our sister Synods in sustaining it.

Resolved, That we will elect two trustees to represent our Synod, that we may have a voice in the action of the Board governing the Home.

Resolved, That we will open a column in our parochial reports for contributions to this object, and will at least annually call the attention of our respective congregations and Sabbath-schools to this object, so worthy of hearty support.

Reports of these Proceedings.

On motion of Rev. S. S. Waltz, Rev. J. A. Bright was appointed to report the proceedings of this Synod to the Emporia and Kansas City papers and the Lutheran *Evangelist*, and Rev. W. C. Seidel was appointed to report to the Lutheran *Observer*.

Adjournment with prayer by Rev. T. F. Dornblaser.

FOURTH SESSION.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25TH, 2 P. M.

Synod convened and was led in prayer by Rev. L. C. Groseclose.

Minutes of previous session read and approved.

Report of Advisory Board of Home Missions for the Year Ending October 23, 1883.

I. RECOMMENDATIONS.

Your committee would respectfully report that they have attended to all the missionary matters referred to them during the year.

The following points within the bounds of our Synod were recommended to the Home Mission Board for a small appropriation to aid in supporting their pastors:

Hays City, Rev. H. Sharp, pastor.

New Cambria, Rev. S. P. Harrington, pastor.

II. VACANCIES.

1. Bunker Hill has been vacant for several months, caused by the resignation of Rev. H. F. Long. Efforts should be made to have this point supplied as speedily as possible.

On motion this item was referred to the Advisory Board of Home Missions.

2. Valley Falls and Monrovia are still vacant. The membership are disbanding, and uniting with other churches.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the chairman of the Advisory Board of Home Missions be instructed to visit Monrovia congregation at his earliest convenience, to see what can be done for the revival of the congregation; and if nothing can be done, to secure the church property for the Church Extension Board of the General Synod, in trust for the Kansas Synod.

III. PROMISING POINTS.

1. Wichita presents a hopeful field; an organization could be formed at once with fifteen or twenty members. The population is about 4,500, and more than two-thirds of it is outside of the churches.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That this Synod hears with pleasure that the Board of Home Missions is making an earnest effort to put a missionary in the field at Wichita.

2. Dodge City and other points in Southwestern Kansas should be looked after. *Emporia presents a fruitful field.*

On motion, it was

Resolved, That this Synod, in co-operation with the Home Mission and Church Extension Boards, take immediate action to establish a Lutheran church in the city of Emporia, and to this object we hereby pledge ourselves to raise, as a Luther memorial offering, additional to our apportionment, the sum of $500 for the purchase of a church lot.

During the discussion of the above, it was tabled for the purpose of adjournment. On Saturday it was taken up and passed.

3d. Morrill, Jewell City, and other points in Northern Kansas, should not be neglected.

On motion, these points were referred to the Advisory Board of Home Missions, in connection with the Board of Home Missions.

The abundant harvests of the past year will induce a large immigration to our State, and it behooves this Synod to watch for the sheep of our fold, to provide a spiritual home for the Lutheran families that come to Kansas.

The committee have no additional agencies to recommend, but to urge upon

our pastors and congregations to co-operate, harmoniously, with the general Boards of the Church and their respective Secretaries, believing that our Home Mission and Church Extension work is better equipped for successful occupation of the field than at any previous period.

The committee recommend that the Secretary be instructed to have the names and the addresses of the officers of the different Boards of the Church printed in connection with the minutes.

The committee also recommend that a special effort be made to increase the circulation of our church papers and missionary journals.

T. F. DORNBLASER,
GEO. A. BOWERS,
S. S. WALTZ.

Report adopted as a whole.

Adjournment. Prayer by Rev. C. Baird.

FIFTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1883, 9 A. M.

After one-half hour devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. R. F. Hassinger, Synod convened and opened with prayer by Rev. J. A. Bright.

Roll called and absentees noted.

Minutes of last session read and approved.

Report of Committee on President's Report.

Committee No. 1 offered the following report, which was, on motion, adopted:

The paper placed in our hands is the annual report of our late President. It is a document full of interesting facts, cheering in the results of church work accomplished with God's blessing. The number of churches built is very encouraging; the increase of membership, spirituality and benevolence are noticed in this report with gratitude to God. It directs the attention of Synod to vacancies at Bunker Hill, Ebenezer and New Cambria.

This report calls our attention to great and increasing work demanding the immediate attention of Synod at Wichita, Wyandotte, Emporia, and several other cities in this State.

It properly calls the attention of Synod to a proper memorial service of Luther's birthday at some time during its present convention. We would suggest the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the Advisory Board of Home Missions at this Synod give

immediate attention to vacant charges, and especially to the promising openings referred to above.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to make arrangements for the proper memorial service some time during this convention of Synod.

Resolved, That we recommend to all the charges of this Synod to hold memorial services on or near the 10th of November.

Resolved, That all the official acts of our retiring President during the interim of the past Synodical year be and are hereby ratified.

Respectfully submitted,

C. MARTIN,
J. SCHAUER,
M. STOLPE.

Admission of Churches.

Committee No. 3 offered the following report, which was, on motion, received and adopted:

Inasmuch as the Evangelical Lutheran congregation of East Norway, Doniphan county, Kansas, has regularly applied for admission into this Synod;

AND WHEREAS, They have complied with the conditions requisite to membership by adopting a constitution in harmony with this Synod and the General Synod; therefore,

Resolved, That they be, and are hereby received into connection with this Synod.

2. The Waterville pastorate asks Synod to recognize the change made in the charges near that place, viz: that Barnes, Waterville and Hebron congregations constitute the Waterville pastorate.

Your Committee recommend that the action of said charges be recognized, and their request sanctioned.

J. SCHAUER,
J. E. MAURER,
L. C. GROSECLOSE.

Memorial Service.

A special committee, consisting of the members of the Devotional Committee, was appointed to prepare a suitable programme for Luther Memorial Service.

Parochial Blanks.

Rev. W. C. Seidel, chairman of the committee appointed at the last Convention of Synod to revise the parochial blanks, presented a blank in manuscript, also a recommendation that five hundred copies of this blank be printed.

On motion, the blank was returned to the committee for amendment.

On motion, the blank was adopted, and the report adopted as a whole.

Chicago Mission.

Rev. T. F. Dornblaser, by urgent request and commission from the Board of Church Extension, presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the roll of Synod be called, and pledges be taken to raise the sum of $100 or more for Chicago church, and we agree to have the several amounts paid in the next three months.

Roll was called and the following pledges were taken:

C. Martin, $5; D. S. Altman, $5; J. Schauer, $5; L. C. Groseclose, $5; Church of Abilene, $25; G. A. Bowers, $5; H. Acker, $5; J. B. McAfee, $5; S. P. Harrington, $5; A. J. Hesson, $5; T. F. Dornblaser, $5; W. C. Seidel, $5; A. J. Kissell, $10; J. A. Bright, $5; S. S. Waltz, $5 and a collection; D. Scholl, $5; Angus Lowe, $5; M. Stolpe, $10; B. F. Grenoble, $5; R. F. Hassinger, $5; Eureka, $15; J. E. Maurer, $5; Dr. J. E. Herbst, $5; L. M. Fair, $5; Chas. Ladwig, $5; A. L. Selig, $5; J. K. Sherwood, $5; J. E. Tressler, $5; D. Harkey, $5. Total, $180.

Correspondence.

Your committee beg leave to report that the documents placed in their hands are the following:

No. 1 is a letter from Rev. R. Weiser, D. D., who asks that his absence from Synod be excused on the ground of his age and infirmities. Your committee recommend that Dr. Weiser's absence be excused, and that his letter be read to Synod.

Adopted, and the letter read.

No. 2 is a letter from Rev. Prof. P. Born, D. D., which gives an excellent report of the progress in his studies of R. A. White, a beneficiary of this Synod. Your committee recommend that Mr. White be continued upon the funds of our Synod.

Adopted.

Nos. 3, 4, and 5 are letters from W. H. Shahan, who intends coming to Kansas, and is desirous of entering the ministry in our Church. Your committee recommend that his case be referred to the President of Synod, in conjunction with the Examining Committee, who shall have authority to examine Mr. Shahan, and if in their judgment the brother be possessed of the requisite qualifications, the President may grant him an *ad interim* license until the next meeting of this Synod.

Amended and adopted.

No. 6 is a letter from Rev. D. Harbaugh, who requests Synod to excuse his absence, and also urges the brethren to furnish him the data, which his printed questions sent to them ask for, to enable him as the historian of Synod to perform the duty required of him by the Synod. Your committee recom-

mend that Brother Harbaugh's absence be excused, and that the members of this Synod be requested to give prompt attention to the blanks sent to them by the Synod's historian.

Adopted, and his request urged.

No. 7 is a communication from Rev. J. N. Lenker, President of the Lutheran Immigrant Missionary Society, calling the attention of this Synod to that recently organized Society. Your committee recommend that this Synod give its endorsement to this movement, and appoint a committee of three on Immigrant Mission work.

Adopted, and Revs. J. A. Bright, W. C. Seidel, and M. Stolpe, appointed as the committee.

Nos. 8 and 9 are communications from our greatly afflicted brother, Rev. A. J. Hartsock, who asks that his absence be excused. Your committee sympathize tenderly and lovingly with this afflicted brother, and cheerfully recommend that his absence be excused.

Adopted.

No. 10 is a letter from Rev. J. A. M. Ziegler, Secretary of the Iowa Synod, calling the attention of this Synod to the action of the Iowa Synod on the subject of "a western theological seminary for all Lutherans." Your committee recommend the appointment of a committee of three by this Synod, who shall co-operate with similar committees appointed by other Synods for the accomplishment of this end.

Adopted and the President appointed as committee, Rev. C. Martin, M. D., Rev. S. S. Waltz, and Dr. J. E. Tressler.

No. 11 is a letter from H. A. Koogle, who expresses great anxiety to find his way into the Lutheran ministry. Your committee sympathizes with him in his struggles, and trusts that God may so open the way for him, as to enable him to accomplish the desire of his heart in this regard.

GEO. A. BOWERS,
D. SCHOLL,
JOHN K. SHERWOOD.

Report adopted as a whole.

Carthage College.

Your Trustees would respectfully report that our college at Carthage is in a fair degree of prosperity, though the past year has been one of peculiar trial.

Owing to the resignation of all the members of the Faculty, the Board were compelled to select a new corps of professors. This it did to the best of its ability, and as we believe will be commended by the church.

The present session opens with a most encouraging attendance, and on all hands there are signs of growing public confidence. The new faculty, under the presidency of Rev. J. A. Detweiler, have taken hold of the work vigorously, and with good assurance of success.

The present productive endowment is about $20,000. There are funds besides this which are for the present non-productive, but will come to be available in the future. The effort to endow a professorship in memory of the lamented President Tressler is progressing encouragingly, and we hope in a year from now to report its completion.

A debt of between two and three thousand dollars, mostly due the former professors, rests on the college, for which early payment is necessary. The only possible solution for the present, as it appears to the Trustees, is to borrow the money, giving college property as security.

WHEREAS, Since this Synod last met, Carthage College has passed through a trying ordeal in the change of its entire Faculty; AND WHEREAS, considerable apprehension has been manifested as to its future; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That this Synod pledge to Carthage its fullest sympathy and co-operation, assuring the new President and Faculty of our entire confidence and support in the work of building up an institution of our Church in the West.

Resolved, 2. That we authorize Rev. S. S. Waltz to cast the vote of our stock in Carthage College, instructing the Board of Trustees to hypothecate assets of College to secure a loan to meet present necessities.

Yours respectfully, S. S. WALTZ,
J. B. McAFEE.

During the discussion of this report a motion obtained to extend the time of the present session of Synod; also a motion for adjournment.

During the next session it was taken up, and

Item 1. Adopted.

Item 2. Adopted.

Adopted as a whole.

Prayer by Rev. M. Stolpe.

SIXTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1883, 9 A. M.

After one-half hour's devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. D. Scholl, Synod opened with prayer by Rev. J. E. Maurer.

Roll was called and absentees noted.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Resolutions on Temperance.

Your Committee take pleasure in presenting for your consideration the following:

WHEREAS, The rum traffic is the prolific source of most of the crimes committed in our land;

AND WHEREAS, Its evil results are visibly marked in its every footstep, filling our penitentiaries with criminals, our almshouses and poorhouses with paupers, our asylums with imbeciles and idiots, and our land with poverty and ruin—it brutalizes man, dishonors God, and curses society.

AND WHEREAS, The rum power disregards all constitutions and laws enacted or adopted for its regulation or suppression, and bids defiance to the moral sentiment of society, corrupts our ballot boxes and our public officers, and wherever possible renders our elections a farce and a fraud; therefore,

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend to our pastors and people the imperative duty of using every proper means, and availing themselves of every suitable opportunity, to secure the election of good and efficient officers, who will use all honorable measures for the most rigid enforcement of the prohibitory law in our State.

Adopted.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod are most cordially tendered to Governor Eskridge, editor and proprietor of the Emporia *Daily Republican*, for the extended reports of the proceedings of this Synod published in his paper, and for the large number of copies so kindly furnished the members of this Synod.

Adopted.

Resolutions of Thanks.

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of this Synod be tendered to the pastor and people of Eureka for the welcome, comfort, and entertainment we have enjoyed at their hands, and that this expression of our appreciation of their hospitality be conveyed to the congregation on Sabbath evening.

J. B. McAFEE,
J. E. HERBST.

Adopted as a whole.

On motion, Mr. W. W. Cramer was received as Commissioner from Emporia, who spoke encouragingly of our prospects in that city.

Rev. Henry Heigard sends $5.00 to Synod for its distribution. It was distributed equally between Home Missions and Beneficiary Education.

Committee on Synodical Calendar offered their report, which was adopted.

On motion of Dr. Bowers, it was

Resolved, That in the event of removal of any member of the Advisory Board of Home Missions, the President be authorized to appoint another in his place.

Mrs. M. F. Troxell.

On motion of Dr. Bowers, Rev. Dr. C. Martin was appointed to prepare a tribute to the lamented Mrs. Troxell, for publication in the printed minutes.

Report of Committee of Condolence.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father, "who doeth all things well," in his inscrutable wisdom to visit our dear brother, Rev. M. F. Troxell, with a sad bereavement in the early death of the wife of his youth; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, his brethren in the ministry, do sincerely sympathize with him in his deep sorrow over the loss of a devoted Christian wife, an earnest Christian worker, and a zealous co-laborer with him in his pastoral ministrations.

Resolved, That we will commend him in our prayers to the God of all consolation, and to the blessed Saviour, who "is touched with the feeling of our infirmities," and who is able to succor those who are tried, and who says to us, "Whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth."

C. MARTIN.

Adopted.

On motion, officers of Synod were appointed a committee to communicate with committee from the W. H. and F. M. S., in regard to the publication of their minutes in connection with the minutes of Synod.

On motion, Synod adjourned to meet at half-past one.

Prayer by Dr. Tressler.

SEVENTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1883, 2 P. M.

Synod convened and opened with prayer by Rev. J. Schauer.

Minutes of last session read and approved.

Church Literature—Report of Committee No. 10.

WHEREAS, The successful development of our church enterprises, and the spiritual welfare of the individual Christian, are so largely dependent upon an intelligent understanding of our history, doctrine, and present movements; therefore,

Resolved, That we hail with rejoicing the noble effort of our Publication House at 42 North Ninth street, Philadelphia, in providing books, tracts and periodicals for the education and information of the people in the history, doctrines and work of our church, and that we will use our best efforts to encourage the House by the circulation of its literature.

Resolved, 2. That we approve most heartily of the effort now being made by the *Lutheran Observer*, *Evangelist*, and *Missionary Journal*, to largely increase their circulation, and that we will co-operate with these efforts by so far as possible, introducing one or all of these papers in every family of our congregations.

Resolved, 3. That we greet with gladness the plan of the Publication Board to issue the Lutheran "prize tract" in the German and Swedish languages, and also the publication of a church paper in the Swedish language.

S. S. WALTZ,
C. MARTIN,
J. E. TRESSLER.

Report was received, and on motion adopted.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to purchase a new protocol.

Minutes of Last Meeting.

Your committee on Minutes of last meeting report the following:

On page 13 is a resolution recommending all members of Synod to put forth their most earnest endeavors to place the church papers and other Lutheran literature into the hands of every member.

This item was corrected, and on motion adopted.

On page 17 we find this: On motion Delham congregation was referred to the pastoral care of Rev. S. P. Harrington.

This item was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Vacant Congregations.

On page 21 is a resolution that the conferences of Synod meet at least once during the year. What has been done?

Answers, No conferences held.

Same page we notice the election of the following delegates to other Synods: To Nebraska Synod, Dr. Martin; to Northern Illinois Synod, D. Harbaugh; to Central Illinois Synod, G. A. Bowers. Did these brethren attend?

Yes, by correspondence.

On page 23 is a resolution by the Ministerium appointing a committee consisting of Rev. S. S. Waltz, Dr. Martin, and Dr. G. A. Bowers, to secure from Rev. A. J. Hartsock such a financial exhibit as would be satisfactory to the Board of Church Extension and to the council of the church at Salina. Has this committee discharged its duty?

Answer. The fact developed by the committee's correspond-

ence was that Rev. Hartsock had, before leaving Salina, sent his report, papers, etc., to the Board of Church Extension, at York, Pa., and that his report was satisfactory to the Board.

D. SCHOLL,
A. B. KIRTLAND,
D. S. ALTMAN,

Report adopted as a whole.

Treasurer's Report.

Your committee, to whom was referred the Treasurer's Report, have examined the same, with accompanying vouchers, and find them correct and concisely presented, and a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of $37.03.

On motion, adopted.

Leave of Absence.

Your Committee on Leave of Absence would respectfully report that the papers placed in their hands are:

1st. A letter from Bro. S. P. Harrington, containing his parochial report, and a request to be excused from attendance upon the present convention. Your committee would recommend that he be excused.

Adopted.

2d. Is a very interesting and encouraging letter from Bro. A. A. Trimper, conveying the gratifying intelligence of the gradual improvement of his health and deeply regretting that he does not feel able to attend the meeting of this Synod. Your committee recommend the following:

Resolved, That the brother be excused, and that part of his letter read before Synod which relates to our duty and encouragement.

Adopted, and his letter read.

3d. A letter from Bro. W. I. Cutter, containing his parochial report, and regretting his inability to be present at the sessions of Synod on account of affliction in his family. Your committee recommend that he be excused.

Adopted.

4th. A letter from Bro. Henry Sharpe, enclosing his parochial report, and asking Synod to excuse his absence on account of distance and expense. Your committee recommend that he be excused.

On motion, it was,

Resolved, That he be not excused.

5th. A letter from Bro. R. B. Whitehill, stating that he had expected to attend the meeting of Synod, but failing to arrange his business satisfactorily, must ask the Synod to excuse him. Your committeee recommend that he be not excused.

Adopted.

6th. A letter from brother H. Heigard, enclosing five dollars for Foreign Missions and five for the Synod. He asks Synod to excuse his absence. Your committee recommend that he be excused.

Adopted.

Your committee desire further to submit the following as a rule, upon which excuses may be expected and granted:

Resolved, That Synod can recognize no reason for excuse of absence from the annual meeting of Synod on the part of its clerical members, except infirmities of age and affliction.

Adopted.

Your committee recommend that Rev. A. J. Hesson be excused from attendance at this meeting of Synod.

Adopted.

Leave of absence was granted to Revs. J. B. McAfee, S. S. Waltz, C. Ladwig, A. L. Selig and J. K. Sherwood.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. BRIGHT,
H. ACKER,
J. M. SEIDLE.

Report adopted as a whole.

Printing of Minutes.

Your committee beg leave to offer the following:

WHEREAS, The W. H. and F. M. S. of Kansas Synod requests sufficient space in our minutes to publish a brief synopsis of the proceedings of their annual convention; and

WHEREAS, The conserving of the facts of general interest in connection with their work is certainly very desirable; therefore

Resolved, That we gladly concede their request, giving them from six to ten pages.

J. E. TRESSLER,
A. J. KISSELL,
J. ANGUS LOWE.

Adopted.

At this point of the proceedings Synod was gratified to learn from the chairman of Committee on Parochial Reports, that the pastorates of this Synod had coutributed over $200 in excess above its apportionment during the year.

Adjournment until after preparatory service.

Prayer by Rev. D. S. Altman.

EIGHTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1883, 4.30 P. M.

Synod convened, and was opened with prayer by Rev. A. B. Kirtland.

Synod's Charter.

On motion, President appointed Revs. McAfee, Dornblaser and Dr. Bowers, a committee to secure a new charter under the title, *Synod of Kansas*.

Rev. C. P. Taylor, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Eureka, Kansas, was introduced to Synod, and invited to sit as corresponding member.

Minutes of Synod.

On motion, it was ordered to have 800 copies of the Minutes printed.

Beneficiary Education.

Resolved, That $200 be appropriated for the purpose of Beneficiary Education, and that $150 be appropriated to the support of Rev. Robt. A. White, at the Missionary Institute at Selinsgrove, Pa.

Synodical Treasury.

On motion, Committee on Apportionment were instructed to apportion the sum of $75 for Synodical Treasury.

On motion, Synod adjourned, to meet at 9 o'clock on Monday.

Prayer by Rev. R. F. Hassinger.

NINTH SESSION.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1883, 9 A. M.

Synod convened; and, after one-half hour's devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. H. Acker, opened with prayer by Rev. W. C. Seidel.

Roll was called and absentees noted.

Minutes of previous meeting read, and, on motion, corrected and adopted.

On motion of Dr. Bowers:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this Synod be hereby authorized to remit to Rev. S. S. Waltz the sum of $5.31, to reimburse him for expenses which he incurred for the benefit of Synod.

Report in Swedish.

On motion, Rev. M. Stolpe was appointed to report the proceedings of this Synod to Swedish papers.

Prayer for More Ministers.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the pastors and laymen of this Synod remember to offer up unceasing prayer to the Lord of the harvest that he send forth more laborers into his vineyard.

Name of Carthage.

Resolved, That we as a Synod think it inexpedient to change the name of Carthage College.

On motion, Rev. Koepsel, of the Evangelical Church, was invited to a seat as advisory member of this Synod.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That we enter into election of place and time of next meeting of Synod.

On motion, the time and place of next meeting of Synod were referred to the officers of Synod. Topeka has been selected as the place.

Delegates to Other Synodical Bodies.

On motion, the order of business referring to the election of delegates to other Synods was passed over.

The business of Synod being fully transacted, one hour and a half was spent very happily and profitably in conference upon the state of religion and revivals. The brethren seem to feel deeply the isolation caused by their great distance from each other, and the meagre salaries that prevent them visiting and assisting each other, and holding their meetings for conference.

It was the desire and hope of all that this Luther year might be crowned with spiritual blessings—that the Lord would revive His work, and add many souls unto his Church.

Adjournment—prayer by the President.

ANGUS LOWE, *Secretary*.

MINISTERIUM.

FRIDAY, OCT. 26, 5 P. M.

Ministerium convened, and opened with prayer by Rev. H. ..ker.

Report of Examining Committee.

he Examining Committee would respectfully report that the following documents were placed in their hands, viz.:

1. The license and letter of Geo. Sanderson, a licentiate of this Ministerium. He asks for the renewal of his license for another year, although he has done no ministerial work.

2. The letter, license, and sermon of licentiate Rev. Rob't A. White. He is prosecuting his studies satisfactorily at Selinsgrove.

3. The license, sermon, and sketch of Rev. J. E. Maurer, a licentiate of the Allegheny Synod, who requests ordination at our hands. His sermon and sketch are above the average of such papers.

We recommend the following:

Resolved, That the license of Geo. Sanderson be renewed for another year from this date.

Adopted.

Resolved, That Robert A. White's license be renewed for one year from this date, and that his application for additional aid be referred to Synod.

Adopted.

Resolved, That Bro. J. E. Maurer be ordained on Sabbath evening during the present session of Synod.

CHARLES MARTIN,
T. F. DORNBLASER,
GEO. A. BOWERS.

Adopted.

On motion, the ordination of Bro. J. E. Maurer was ordered to take place on Sabbath evening.

Adjournment with prayer.

ANGUS LOWE, *Secretary*.

APPENDIX A.

Sermons and Addresses.

Wednesday Evening.—Annual Synodical Sermon, Rev. S. S. Waltz.
Thursday Evening.—Foreign Missions, Rev. G. A. Bowers, D. D.
Friday Evening.—Home Missions, Rev. S. B. Barnitz.
Saturday Afternoon.—Preparatory Service, Rev. J. A. Bright.

SATURDAY NIGHT. LUTHER MEMORIAL SERVICE.

Luther's Preparatory Training—Rev. C. Baird.
Luther and Liberty—Rev. A. J. Kissell.
Luther in Literature—Rev. Charles Martin, M. D.
The Luther Memorial Year—Rev. G. A. Bowers, D. D.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Christ's Lutheran Church—a. m., Synodical communion, sermon by Rev. T. F. Dornblaser.

3 p. m., Children's meeting; addresses by Revs. J. A. Bright, Angus Lowe, A. J. Kissell, J. E. Maurer.

7:30 p. m., Ordination service; sermon by Rev. Charles Martin, M. D., after which Rev. J. E. Maurer was solemnly ordained to the gospel ministry by the laying on of hands.

4 p. m., Scandinavian meeting; sermon by Rev. Mauritz Stolpe.

Presbyterian Church—a. m., Rev. J. Schauer; p. m., Rev. Angus Lowe.

M. E. Church—a. m., Rev. B. F. Grenoble; p. m., Rev. C. Baird.

Congregational Church—a. m., Rev. G. A. Bowers, D. D.; p. m., Rev. J. A. Bright.

Miles' School-house—3 p. m., Rev. W. C. Seidel.

Respectfully submitted,

M. F. TROXELL,
Chairman,
L. C. GROSECLOSE,
A. J. KISSELL,
Committee.

APPENDIX B.

Treasurer's Report.

Received from	Residence.	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Church Extension	Beneficiary Education	Synodical Treasury	General Synod Treasury	Total
Former Treasurer.		$20 93	—	—	—	—	13 18	$34 11
Rev. D. S. Altman	Ottawa	4 00	4 00	1 00	1 20	1 00	—	11 20
" D. Harbaugh	Waterville	3 90	3 67	2 34	3 30	2 00	—	15 21
" C. Martin	St. Joseph, Mo	15 00	10 00	2 00	—	1 00	4 50	32 50
" W. C. Seidel	Minneapolis	4 64	2 73	2 78	2 85	1 50	3 50	17 50
" G. A. Bowers, D. D.	Abilene	—	8 89	—	8 81	5 00	—	22 70
" A. A. Trimper	Lawrence	6 85	5 50	—	—	3 00	—	15 35
" J. Schauer	Greenleaf	5 00	5 00	3 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	20 00
" H. F. Long	Bunker Hill	8 50	3 50	99	3 00	—	—	15 99
" S. S. Waltz	Kansas City, Mo.	12 75	33 00	12 00	—	—	—	57 75
" T. F. Dornblaser	Topeka	28 18	3 00	16 40	11 10	5 00	2 14	65 82
" Angus Lowe	White Rock	4 74	3 82	2 86	3 00	1 32	1 00	17 64
" B. F. Grenoble	Ebenezer	15 41	3 73	2 78	3 80	1 00	—	26 72
" A. B. Kirtland	New Cambria	6 00	6 00	6 00	6 00	3 00	7 00	34 00
" W. I. Cutter	Atchison	—	—	—	—	6 80	—	6 80
" D. Scholl	Wellsville	6 90	2 20	1 60	2 20	80	1 00	14 00
" M. Stolpe	Marquette	7 00	7 00	—	—	8 00	—	22 00
" M. F. Troxell	Eureka	10 80	9 26	3 00	—	—	—	23 06
" A. J. Bright	Ellsworth	8 00	8 00	4 00	2 50	5 00	9 00	36 50
" H. Acker	Newton	6 64	3 00	—	—	1 00	2 00	12 64
" J. A. Kissell	Salina	6 10	4 00	2 50	2 00	2 50	7 00	24 10
" A. J. Hesson	Peabody	21 15	15 00	8 00	7 36	6 28	2 50	60 30
" F. R. Scherer	Waterville	—	1 00	—	—	1 00	—	2 09
" H. Heigard	Barnes	—	20 00	—	—	2 00	—	22 00
" A. Essick	Ellsworth	50	50	—	—	—	—	1 00
" R. Weiser, D. D.	Denver	—	—	—	—	2 00	—	2 00
Robt. A. White	Emporia	—	1 00	—	—	—	—	1 00
Hays City Pastorate		—	—	—	—	2 00	—	2 00
Halstead Pastorate		—	—	—	—	3 00	—	3 00
St. Paul's Ch. Pastorate.		2 63	—	—	—	—	—	2 63
		$204 92	$164 80	$71 25	$61 92	$66 20	$51 82	$620 91

Total Received for	Home Missions	$204 92
" "	Foreign Missions	164 80
" "	Church Extension	71 25
" "	Beneficiary Education	61 92
" "	Synodical Treasury	66 20
" "	General Synod's Treasury	51 82
		$620 91

Expended for Home Missions		$204 92	
"	Foreign Missions	127 50	
"	Church Extension	42 75	
"	Beneficiary Education	77 00	
"	Printing Minutes, etc.	56 71	
"	General Synod	75 00	
			583 88
Balance in hands of Treasurer			$37 03

Respectfully submitted, J. E. TRESSLER, *Treasurer.*

APPENDIX C.—Apportionment Table.

MINISTERS AND PASTORATES.	Resident Members.	Synodical Treasury.	Gen. Synod Fund.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Benefici'ry Education.	Totals.
Rev. C. Martin, East Norway, Kan.	45	$2 40	$ 52	$9 01	$9 01	$6 02	$6 43	$33 39
" W. C. Seidel, Minneapolis, Kan.	37	1 97	42	7 41	7 41	4 95	5 28	27 44
" G. A. Bowers, D. D., Abilene, Kan	134	7 15	1 53	26 81	26 81	17 89	19 19	99 38
" J. Schauer, Greenleaf, Kan	10	53	12	2 01	2 01	1 35	1 41	7 43
" S. S. Waltz, Kansas City, Mo	95	5 07	1 09	19 01	19 01	12 69	13 60	70 47
" T. F. Dornblaser, Topeka, Kan	80	4 27	91	16 01	16 01	10 69	11 45	59 34
" J. E. Maurer, Lawrence, Kan.	48	2 56	55	9 61	9 61	6 42	6 86	35 61
" Angus Lowe, Waterville, Kan	79	4 21	90	15 81	15 81	10 55	11 30	58 58
* ——— ———, New Cambria, Kan	40	2 13	46	8 01	8 01	5 35	5 71	29 67
Rev. A. B. Kirtland, Schirer, Kan	45	2 40	52	9 01	9 01	6 02	6 43	33 39
" W. I. Cutter, Atchison, Kan	54	2 88	62	10 81	10 81	7 22	7 72	40 06
" D. Scholl, Vineland, Kan	24	1 28	28	4 81	4 81	3 22	3 42	17 82
" A. J. Kissell, Salina, Kan	98	5 23	1 12	19 61	19 61	13 09	14 03	72 69
" A. J. Hesson, Peabody, Kan	51	2 72	58	10 21	10 21	6 82	7 29	37 83
" Henry Sharp, Hays City, Kan.	18	96	21	3 61	3 61	2 42	2 56	13 37
" M. F. Troxell, Eureka, Kan	60	3 20	69	12 01	12 01	8 02	8 58	44 51
" J. A. Bright, Ellsworth, Kan	58	3 09	65	11 61	11 61	7 75	8 29	43 00
" M. Stolpe, Marquette, Kan	189	10 08	2 16	37 80	37 80	25 22	27 07	140 13
" H. Acker, Newton, Kan	21	1 12	24	4 21	4 21	2 82	2 99	15 59
* ——— ———, Ebenezer, Kan	72	3 84	82	14 41	14 41	9 62	10 30	53 40
Rev. M. L. Wilhelm, Hardy, Kan	26	1 39	30	5 20	5 20	3 49	3 72	19 30
* ——— ———, Bunker Hill, Kan.	45	2 40	52	9 01	9 01	6 02	6 43	33 39
* ——— ———, Americus, Kan	22	1 17	25	4 40	4 40	2 94	3 12	16 28
* ——— ———, St. Paul (Brown Co.), Kan.	28	1 49	32	5 60	5 60	3 74	3 98	20 73
* ——— ———, Halstead, Kan	20	1 07	23	4 00	4 00	2 68	2 84	14 82
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MINUTES

OF THE

THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

WOMEN'S HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

OF THE

KANSAS SYNOD,

HELD AT

Eureka, Kansas.

MORNING SESSION.

The preliminary devotional exercises were conducted at the residence of Mrs. George Rizer, on Friday morning, October 28, at 10 o'clock, by Mrs. Wm. Bilger, of Topeka.

In consequence of the difficulty attending the transportation of delegates to this point, many who had expected to participate were still absent. Hence, a re-arrangement of the programme became necessary. This being accomplished, and committees appointed, the meeting adjourned until the afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The third annual convention of the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society connected with this Synod held its first

open session in Christ's Lutheran church, Eureka, Kansas, at 2:30 p. m.

The President, Mrs. T. F. Dornblaser, of Topeka, called the meeting to order, and in the absence of Mrs. J. A. Bright, of Ellsworth, the Secretary, appointed Mrs. J. E. Herbst, of Abilene, Recording Secretary *pro tem.*

After singing the well-known missionary hymn, "From Greenland's Icy Mountains," in which the whole congregation joined, the President introduced Mrs. Chas. Martin, of St. Joseph, Mo., who read the Scriptures as recorded in the twelfth chapter of Romans.

Prayer by the President of the Society.

Congregational singing.

Prayer by Rev. C. Baird, of the Iowa Synod.

Miss Augusta Schultze, of Eureka, read an Address of Welcome. The mournful interest connected with this address was, that it was written in part by the late Mrs. Julia Troxell, wife of Rev. M. F. Troxell, and after her decease found in her Bible. The address was completed and ably read by Miss Schultze.

It was responded to briefly by Mrs. W. T. Hoffman, of Topeka.

Singing by the choir, "A Welcome," which was followed by the annual address of the President, Mrs. T. F. Dornblaser. We regret that the limited space accorded to us will not permit us to give the full text of this excellent address.

Music by the congregation, Miss Annie Rizer, of Eureka, presiding at the organ.

In the absence of Mrs. M. J. Schauer, of Greenleaf, our delegate to the "Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society," which convened at Springfield, O., during the session of the General Synod, her very interesting report was read by Mrs. J. E. Herbst, of Abilene.

Visiting members from sister denominations were then introduced by Mrs. W. H. Barger, of Eureka.

Reports from auxiliary societies were then received, and their offerings with individual donations paid over into the hands of the Treasurer.

After singing by the congregation, an able and highly interesting paper on "The Propriety of Establishing Women's Home

and Foreign Missionary Societies in the West," written by Mrs. Schauer, was read by Mrs. C. Martin.

Rev. S. B. Barnitz, our energetic Western Secretary of Home Missions, next gave us a very eloquent and stirring address.

Pleasant greetings were received and read from Societies of other Synods, and among these, the cordial greetings of Mrs. J. S. Detweiler, President, and Miss Hay Morris, Corresponding Secretary, of the General Synodical Society, and Miss Lucy Y. Culler, of the Synodical Society of Iowa, were especially worthy of remark.

The Committee on Resolutions submitted the following, which were adopted:

1. Resolved, That the ladies of the Synodical Home and Foreign Missionary Society return thanks to the ladies of Eureka, Kans., for the hospitable and cordial entertainment given to the officers, delegates and friends of our Society; also to Mrs. Geo. Rizer, for the use of her parlors in which to transact our preliminary business.

2. Resolved, That we cordially endorse and accept both the report and address of our President, who has so nobly and faithfully performed the arduous duties of her position, and most cordially desire that she retain the office she now holds.

3. Resolved, That our hearts are made very sad by the unexpected and untimely death of Mrs. Julia Troxell, the beloved wife of the pastor of this congregation, and a most efficient worker in the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of Eureka. In the midst of life, of Christian activity, and full of dearly-cherished hopes, she was suddenly cut down by the insatiate archer.

4. Resolved, That the loss to her husband and the church in which her lot was cast seems to be irreparable, and the Providence incomprehensible to us; but our blessed Master has taught that "no chastisement is joyous, but grievous." We bow with smitten and sympathizing hearts, in humble submission to "him who doeth all things well."

5. Resolved, That we deeply feel the loss, to our women's work in the church, of so faithful a Christian worker; and to the church, the beautiful example of her life and exemplar of a minister's help-meet.

6. Resolved, That we sincerely sympathize with her deeply-bereaved husband, the congregation with which her lot was cast, and the community in the midst of which the beautiful light of her Christian life was extinguished.

MRS. L. C. MARTIN,
MRS. W. T. HOFFMAN,
MRS. WM. BILGER.

The exercises of this session were concluded with prayer and benediction by Rev. J. A. Bright.

EVENING SESSION.

This session was a continuation of the preceding.

Election of Officers.

An election of officers for the ensuing year was held, and resulted in the election of:

Mrs. T. F. Dornblaser, of Topeka, as President.
Mrs. S. S. Waltz, Kansas City, Vice-President.
Mrs. O. J. Peters, Abilene, Corresponding Secretary.
Mrs. J. E. Herbst, Abilene, Recording Secretary,
Mrs. A. J. Kissell, Salina, Treasurer.

The Corresponding Secretary read a very interesting report, from which we cull the following:

No. of Auxiliary Societies	13
No. organized during the year, Eureka and New Cambria	2
Total number of members	209
No. of *Missionary Journals*	70
Total amount remitted to Mrs. Hamma, Treasurer, for Home and Foreign Missions	$170 92

The following churches expect to organize Societies in the near future: Lawrence, Peabody, Ellsworth and Hiawatha.

The Secretary in concluding her report says that the correspondence of the year's work has clearly developed that there are certainly three requisites to success in it: greater knowledge of missions and their results; more faith in God's promise and power; a strong sense of personal responsibility. Shall we not seek all these?

In the absence of Mrs. A. J. Kissell, Treasurer, Mrs. W. T. Hoffman read her report, from which we condense the following:

Balance in Treasury at last report		$4 00
Received annual fees from Auxiliary Societies		9 00
Honorary membership fees		13 00
Donations from friends for printing Minutes, etc		31 00
A collection		7 75
For Freeport mission, from Topeka and Salina		10 00
For General Fund		25 00
Total receipts		$99 75
Disbursed for printing, postage, stationery, expressage, etc	$56 15	
Remitted to Mrs. Hamma	35 00	
Total disbursements		$91 15
Balance remaining in Treasury		$8 60

Respectfully submitted, MRS. A. J. KISSELL, *Treasurer.*

This was followed by an original essay by Miss Annie Rizer, on "What Can One Person Do?" and by an essay entitled, "Consecrated Means," by Mrs. Wm. Bilger.

A basket collection was taken in the interest of the Freeport mission, which resulted in $22.21.

Convention adjourned with the repeating of the Lord's Prayer, and benediction.

MRS. J. E. HERBST, *Secretary.*

APPENDIX D.—PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

NAMES OF PASTORS.	NAMES OF PASTORATES.	Organized Churches	Preaching Places	Church Papers and Quarterly Reviews	Infant Baptisms	Accessions by: Baptism	Confirmation	Certificate	Restoration	Losses by: Deaths or Adults	By Certificate	Expulsion	Resident Members.	Non-resident Members	Prayer Meetings	Catechumens	Lutheran	Sunday-Schools. Union	Teachers	Scholars	Papers and Journals	Contributions	Contributions. Synodical Treasury	General Synod Fund	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Church Extension	Beneficiary Education	Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society	Children's Miss. Society	Pastors' Fund	College Fund	General Benevolence	Local Objects	Pastors' Salary	Total	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	Excess	Deficit.
Rev. R. Weiser, D. D.*																																						
" D. S. Altman.			1														1	5	40			$1 00	$1 00	$3 00	$3 00	$1 00									$12 00	$4 90	$12 00	$7 10	
" D. Harbaugh.	Waterville	1	1	18	1			3			1		32	2	1		1	5 6	68	80	$16 23	1 50	1 18	4 25	3 65	3 00	3 00					$25 00		$71 60	112 58	13 98	15 58		$1 60
" C. Martin, M. D.	East Norway	1		15	3		3	1					45	2	15							2 25	7 25	23 00	‖33 00	5 00	4 00	20 00					$3000 00		3094 50	18 19	49 50	31 31	
" W. C. Seidel	Minneapolis.	1	1	8	11		1	3					37	1	14	1		3	25	25	10 25	1 80	1 44	6 17	7 00	6 00	5 00	1 00		$2 00		10 25	11 00	140 00	191 68	17 41	27 41	10 00	
" Geo. A. Bowers, D. D.	Abilene.	1		25	6		4	24			3		134	11	1		1	19	205	100	108 84	6 00	7 57	20 23	12 75	13 64	12 00	25 00				75 00	650 00		931 03	57 85	72 19	14 34	
" A. A. Trimper*																								1 00										2 00		2 00	2 00	
" J. Schauer	Greenleaf	3		13	7			7			2		57		3		2		100	90		2 65	2 12	6 44	5 20	3 88	5 30					350 00	120 00	495 59	25 59	25 59		
" S. S. Waltz	Kansas City.	1	1	30	25	4	6	6	1	1	2		95		1	15	2	1	18	250	375 500 00	5 00	4 00	12 57	10 00	10 00	8 50	5 00	$25 00			20 00	190 00		2500 07	40 07	50 07	10 00	
" T. F. Dornblaser	Topeka.	1		25	3		1	31		1	1		80	25	1	12	1	1	12	125	250 75 50	5 00	8 50	31 88	35 13	16 40	7 10	40 00				14 81		500 00	794 63	34 18	59 01	24 83	
" J. E. Maurer ‡	Lawrence.	1		3			1	7		1			48					9	110	90	115 92			7 78	3 53	4 15							249 00	71 00	335 38	28 56	15 46		13 10
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" S. P. Harrington	New Cambria †	1		6	1						4		40				1	5	68	75	9 50	1 00		3 00	5 00		1 50				3 00		234 00	257 00	19 00	10 50		$ 50
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" Henry Sharpe	Hays City.	1	1	43				3			4		18	18	1		1	5	45		22 00	1 00		2 44	2 29	1 47	2 00						100 00	156 00	288 00	9 67	10 00	33	
" M. F. Troxell	Eureka	1	1	25	11	5	11	17		1	1		60	6		1	1	10	65	175	61 04	1 60	1 40	16 40	10 66	10 69	4 00	5 00				489 52	300 00	837 27	15 41	64 75	49 34	
" J. A. Bright	Ellsworth.	3	4	10	11	2	13	7			1		58		1	16	2	1	12	100	130 20 00	5 00	5 00	10 64	7 46	6 68	8 00		2 00			220 00	320 00	604 78	28 97	44 78	15 81	
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" H. Acker	Newton.	1	1	2	1		6						21				1	7	50	50	12 00	1 00	2 00	4 15	6 65	3 45	2 28							31 50	7 22	19 53	7 31	
" B. F. Greenoble.	Ebenezer †	2	1	6		4	6		1	1	1		72	2	1		2	10	90	125	30 00	1 72	1 38	4 19	3 38	2 53	3 45					2500 00	400 00	2916 65	33 31	16 65		16 65
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" L. C. Groseclose*																											1 00			16 00			1 00		1 00	1 00	
" F. R. Scherer*																						1 00			1 00					10 00			15 00		5 00	5 00	
" R. F. Hassinger*																								1 00				1 00					3 00		2 00	2 00	
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